#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

IN RE:	)	Chapter 7 – Consolidated Cases
EMPLOYEE-SERVICES.NET, INC., and	)	Case No. 14-30584 (Lead Case)
EEPAYROLLSERVICES, LLC,	)	
	)	
Debtors.	)	

# APPLICATION FOR <u>EX PARTE</u> ORDER AUTHORIZING TRUSTEE TO RETAIN ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

COMES NOW Wayne Sigmon, in his capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") for the substantively consolidated estate of Employee-Services.Net, Inc. ("<u>ESN</u>") and eePayrollServices, LLC ("<u>EEP</u>," and together with ESN, collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") and, pursuant to Section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, hereby files this Application for <u>Ex Parte</u> Order Authorizing Trustee to Retain Actionable Intelligence Technologies, Inc. (the "<u>Application</u>"). In support thereof, the Trustee respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On April 9, 2014, certain petitioning creditors filed an involuntary petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code against ESN.
- 2. On May 5, 2014, the Court entered an Order for Relief and appointed the Trustee as the interim trustee in the ESN case.
- 3. On April 15, 2014, certain petitioning creditors filed an involuntary petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code against EEP.
- 4. On April 23, 2014, the Court entered an Order for Relief and appointed the Trustee as the interim trustee in the EEP case.

- 5. On November 13, 2014, the Court entered an order substantively consolidating the Debtors' bankruptcy cases.
- 6. The Trustee is the duly appointed, qualified, and acting trustee for the substantively consolidated Chapter 7 estate the Debtors.
- 7. To administer this case in a proper, efficient, and economical manner, the Trustee believes it would be in the best interest of the estate and its creditors for the Trustee to employ Actionable Intelligence Technologies, Inc. ("AIT") located at 105 Executive Drive, Suite 200, Dulles, Virginia, 20166.
- 8. AIT will process approximately ten (10) gigabytes of paper and electronic bank statements for accounts held by the Debtors and capture all data and transactions into a centralized, comprehensive digital database. Given the sheer volume and extent of the transactions involved, this will allow the Trustee to quickly identify the flow of money in and out of the Debtors' bank accounts and identify transactions that may be overlooked when done manually. Moreover, the data capture will save the Trustee and his accountant hundreds of hours of review time.
- 9. The Trustee shows that AIT has the knowledge and experience necessary to handle the matters for which AIT is to be engaged, and is well qualified to represent the Trustee. AIT has decades of experience conducting large, complex financial investigations including domestic and international securities fraud, corruption, Ponzi schemes, tax fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy cases. AIT's clients include federal and state law enforcement agencies, regulatory agencies, commercial forensic accounting firms, financial investigative firms, and law firms. A Statement of Work ("SOW") describing the scope of AIT's engagement and the rates to be

charged is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. A verification pursuant to Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

10. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, AIT does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Estate, and is a disinterested person as that term is defined under Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

**WHEREFORE,** the Trustee prays for authority to retain and employ Actionable Intelligence Technologies, Inc. to provide data processing services to the Trustee for the purposes specified hereinabove and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

This 5th day of October, 2015.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing APPLICATION FOR EX PARTE ORDER AUTHORIZING TRUSTEE TO RETAIN ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. was filed electronically in accordance with the local rules and were therefor served electronically on those entities that have properly registered for such electronic service by CM/ECF and also by United States Mail, first class, for those entities not registered for electronic service (see attached Schedule "1").

Dated this 5th day of October, 2015.

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#### Schedule 1

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Exhibit A



Actionable Intelligence Technologies, Inc.

Statement of Work

## Time and materials

Client name	Wayne Sigmon, Trustee ("Client")
Client's administrator	Louis J. Rouleau, Esq. Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP ("WCSR")
Project name	ESN/EEP Data Capture
Engagement duration	120 Hours
Delivery	14 days

#### Schedule of rates

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Data capture and processing for bank account statements at a rate of \$250.00/hr.	120	\$30,000.00

Statement of Work

#### Statement of work

This Statement of Work ("SOW") confirms the retention of Actionable Intelligence Technologies ("AIT") by Wayne Sigmon, Trustee, to provide independent professional services in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings involving Employee-Services.Net, Inc. ("ESN") and eePayrollServices, LLC ("EEP"), currently pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of North Carolina (the "Bankruptcy Court").

#### Project Overview

AIT will process approximately 10 gigabytes of paper and electronic bank documents of ESN and EEP and capture all data and transactions into a centralized comprehensive digital database. This will allow the Trustee to quickly identify the flow of money in the ESN and EEP accounts and identify transactions that may be overlooked when done manually.

#### Delivery

AIT will begin work immediately upon execution of this agreement. Work will be delivered within fourteen (14) days of begin date. AIT represents that it will perform the work described in this SOW in a professional manner exercising due skill and care.

## Change Management Process

In case of changes in project scope that will alter the original estimate by more that ten (10) percent, AIT will notify Client immediately. At that point an additional Statement of Work agreement will have to be written and signed that includes an appropriate adjustment in processing time and delivery date.

Statement of Work

## Professional services agreement

This Agreement shall commence on the first day after it has been signed by AIT and Client, and shall expire at the completion of all services to be performed as described above.

## Payment Terms

- 1. Client will be solely responsible for all financial obligations to AIT in connection with this SOW. It is expressly understood and agreed that Client must obtain approval from the Bankrutpcy Court before paying AIT's invoice. Unless stated otherwise in the Statement of Work, AIT shall invoice Client by sending a copy of said invoice to Client's Administrator, Louis J. Rouleau, Esq., at WCSR, at the completion of all services to be performed as described above. Client agrees to payment terms of net thirty (30) days from the date of Bankruptcy Court approval of said invoice.
- 2. Currency shall be in U.S. Dollars.
- 3. Prices are inclusive of all taxes, duties, customs fees or similar charges and are subject to an increase equal in amount to any charge AIT is required to collect or pay on provision of the services. In no event shall Client be responsible for taxes on AIT's property or net income.
- 4. All work done under this Agreement is done for hire and is the property and work product of Trustee and its counsel, WCSR. At the termination of this Agreement, AIT shall deliver to WCSR all work or work materials completed or in progress as of the date of termination.

## Confidentiality

AIT will work at the direction of Trustee and its counsel, WCSR. AIT understands that it is being engaged to assist Trustee and WCSR in the rendering of legal advice and strategy in connection with the bankruptcy petitions filed by ESN and EEP. Accordingly, the parties agree and understand that all materials that AIT creates under this Agreement are confidential and shall continue to remain confidential and protected from disclosure to any third party, and AIT agrees not to disclose any such

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information, materials or work without prior written consent from WCSR. AIT agrees to notify WCSR within five (5) days of receipt of any court order, subpoena, or government directive calling for the disclosure of any such information, materials or work. AIT understands that its communications with WCSR and the materials AIT generates or receives from WCSR related to this engagement and Agreement are protected from discovery by the attorney-client privilege and/or attorney work product doctrine.

## Acceptance and authorization

The terms and conditions of the **Statement of Work** apply in full to the services and products provided under this Statement of Work.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto each acting with proper authority have executed this Statement of Work, under seal.

Wayne Sigmon	Susan Deehan
Full name	Full name
Trustee	Chairman & CEO
Title (1)	Title Sura M. Decken
Signature	Signature
10-12-015	October 1, 2015
Date	Date

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## DECLARATION OF ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

- I, Susan Deehan, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Actionable Intelligence Technologies, Inc. ("AIT"), as to the project set forth in the attached Application, declare as follows:
  - AIT has extensive experience conducting large, complex financial investigations including domestic and international securities fraud, corruption, Ponzi schemes, tax fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy cases.
  - AIT is willing to accept employment by the Trustee on the basis set forth 2. in the Application.
  - 3. AIT does not have an interest adverse to the Trustee or the estate in regards to the matters for which it is being employed herein and it is a disinterested person within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 101(14).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Actionable Intelligence Techonologies, Inc.

Exhibit B

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